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TELECOM ADVISORY COMMITTEES IN MTNL AND BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Telecom Advisory Committees (TACs) constituted in the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL);

(b) the number of meetings held by the said Committees during the last three years;

(c) whether complaints from some public representatives have been received against the said organisations for failure to convene requisite number of meetings of the said Committees;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against those held responsible in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) A total of 357 Telecom Advisory Committees (TACs) have been constituted in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).

(b) 1134 meetings of TACs were held during the last three years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e) The following types of complaints were received for not conducting TAC meetings:

Non-conductance of meetings of Telecom Advisory Committee (TAC) twice a year.

Non- intimation and short notice of TAC meetings.

Instructions/guidelines have been once again issued by MTNL/BSNL to their subordinate units to hold TAC meetings as per guidelines preferably when Parliament/State Assembly is not in session. Instructions have also been issued by BSNL to ensure that all TAC Members are informed about the date, time and venue of the TAC meeting well in advance.